

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the LeRoy City Council was held Monday, December 5, 2016, at 6:00 PM at the LeRoy Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Jennifer Gumbel, Council Members Gene Miller, Jan Whisler, Ashley Huntley, Kathleen Gottschalk (arrived at 6:12 PM), Maintenance Supervisor John Jones, and City Clerk Patty White. Others in attendance included Dan Evans, Brian Thiel, Axel Gumbel, Tim Freerksen, Deputy T.J. Lynch, and Dave Perkins. Mayor Gumbel called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Gumbel read the due call for the Truth in Taxation Hearing and opened the hearing. No one in attendance had anything to bring to council about the effect of the city's proposed levy on their proposed property taxes.

Motion by Huntley, second by Miller to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

During Public Input Time, Fire Chief Tim Freerksen presented information that Mower County would like to apply for grant funding through the State of Minnesota for the purchase of 800 megahertz radios. This grant would include funds for radios for the emergency vehicles of the fire departments and ambulance services throughout the county. Each truck radio would cost \$2542 plus \$375 for installation. He noted this grant requires a 50/50 match. Installation may not be included in the grant; LeRoy Fire would be looking at five radios for their trucks. This would calculate to an approximate \$7500 match. Motion by Miller to participate in this grant program. Second by Whisler. Motion carried 5-0.

Council had nothing to report under Standing Committee Reports.

Deputy Lynch noted that Deputy Brogan has been moved to a different shift following the death of one of the Mower County deputies. Deputy Lynch reported different deputies are covering the contracted hours for LeRoy. Council thanked Deputy Lynch for this report.

Council will review a capital improvement plan including the water treatment facility, water tower, and backup well when the new council is seated after the first of the year.

Council reviewed the 2017 proposed budget and levy. Questions were posed about various line items. White noted she is reviewing the proposed health insurance premium increases; she also noted a 3% increase in wages has been factored into the budget. Council will review wages at their January council meeting. Motion by Huntley, second by Gottschalk to approve the 2017 budget. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Miller to pass Resolution 2016-15, a resolution adopting the 2017 tax levy at \$500,000. Second by Whisler. Motion carried 5-0.

Council reviewed the 2017 liquor licenses. The licenses include on-sale liquor licenses for Travel Lanes & Supper Club, Inc. and Sweet's HRB; Sunday liquor licenses for Travel Lanes & Supper Club, Inc. and Sweet's HRB; an off-sale liquor license for Travel Lanes & Supper Club, Inc. and 3.2% off-sale liquor licenses for Amoco Food Shop and K & H Classic Stop. Motion by Huntley to approve the 2017 liquor licenses. Second by Gottschalk. Motion carried 5-0.

Gumbel reported the L-O School District Community Committee (task force) is initially being assembled to look at the HVAC system at the school. This committee could then be expanded into facility security and daycare, etc. The District is hoping to comprise this committee with a cross-section of LeRoy and Ostrander citizens, rural residents, elected officials of the city councils and/or EDA members. Miller expressed interest in serving on this committee. Gumbel also noted that elected officials should be concerned about the daycare issue. Gumbel felt the lack of daycare is an issue for the community. Whisler expressed concern that the swimming pool has been spun off from the school with a separate board overseeing their operations and being subsidized by the city; he was concerned that a school-run daycare facility could also be spun off and request funding from the city. Council all agreed there is a need for daycare, but they expressed concern that it may not be in the best interest to have the school run it. Huntley noted a new in-home daycare will be opening soon in LeRoy, and Miller noted another person is researching the possibility of an in-home daycare. Gumbel felt that possibly some assistance could be afforded to a 0-2 year old daycare and let the school be involved with 3-4 year daycare. She felt that maybe possibly the EDA or city could be involved with a 0-2 year old daycare with funding or technical assistance.

Council reviewed one land use permit.

1. Lots 26, 27, & 28, Block 7, Original Village-install canopy over drive-up/ATM
Motion by Huntley, second by Gottschalk to approve said permit. Motion carried 5-0.

Council reviewed the Communications File. Items included a letter from Mediacom addressing rate increases.

Whisler handed out a summary sheet from a meeting he had with Jones and J.C. Nested from Four Season Maintenance in Spring Grove. Mr. Nested recommended doing some crack filling yet this year if the street is free of ice and snow and the temperature is above 20°. This would be done on some of the streets in the Olson Addition and River's Edge Addition. Jones noted that crack filling was supposed to have been completed earlier this year by a different company, but that company never got the job done. Miller felt the council should designate a street for complete reconstruction in 2018 and include some other cosmetic work on other streets. Whisler expressed concern that by doing only one major reconstruction project would not make people real happy but by doing a little maintenance in many parts of the city would appease many people. Miller felt that it may be too late this year to do any work due to the weather. Council would like to hear a presentation from Mr. Nested about his proposals. Council consensus to have Whisler make arrangements to have Mr. Nested give a presentation to the council.

Council reviewed the improvements made so far at the Community Center. Motion by Miller to apply for \$20,000 from the LeRoy Community Foundation Chesebrough Funds to cover the costs of the improvements made. Second by Whisler. Motion carried 5-0. Council also discussed the Community Center marquee. White will gather information on the costs for an LED type of sign.

Gumbel thanked the council for their time serving on the council. Council also thanked Gumbel for her time serving as mayor.

Motion by Gottschalk, second by Huntley to set the January, 2017, council meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, due to Monday, January 2, 2017, being the legal holiday for New Year's Day. Motion carried 5-0.

Being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Gottschalk, second by Gumbel at 7:41 PM.

Jennifer Gumbel, Mayor

Attest:

Patty A. White, City Clerk-Treasurer